



PARMA CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

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THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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Sunday School: 9:30 AM.

Worship Service: 10:45 AM.

April 28, 2019

THE CAREY CORNER

“IN THE BEGINNING”

God created the heavens and the earth. Quickly He was faced with a class action lawsuit for failure to file an environmental impact statement. He was granted a temporary permit for the project, but was stymied with the cease and desist order for the earthly part. Appearing at the hearing, God was asked why He began His earthly project in the first place. He replied that He just liked to be creative.

Then God, said, “Let there be light,” and immediately the officials demanded to know how the light would be made. Would there be strip mining? What about thermal pollution? God was granted provisional permission to make light, assuming that no smoke would result from the ball of fire; that He would obtain a building permit; and to conserve energy, keeping the light off about half the time. God agreed and said He would call the light “day” and the darkness “night”. Officials replied that they were not interested in semantics.

God said, “Let the earth produce vegetation and plants bearing seed.” The Environmental Protections Agency agreed so long as native seed was used.

Then God said, “Let the waters bring forth creeping creatures having life; and the fowl that may fly over the earth.” Officials pointed out this would require approval from the Department of Fish and Game coordinated with the Heavenly Wildlife Federation and the Audubongelic Society.

Everything was okay until God said He wanted to complete the project in six days. Officials said it would take at least 200 days to review the applications and impact statements. After that there would be a series of public hearings. Then there would be 10 to 12 months before.....

At this point, God created the other place!

Our thanks to the choir for the Easter Cantata on Easter Sunday morning. There was a beautiful message in “Holy Grace Still Amazes Me.” Thanks to all who helped with the Spaghetti dinner on Saturday night. Several more special things are coming soon. Keep your eyes open for them.

Some Random Things From The Rev.

3 wonders when I get to heaven – to find some I didn’t expect to see – to miss some I expected to see- and the greatest of all – to find myself there. – John Newton

Every morning I get up and look through Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I’m not in there, I go to work – Robert Orben

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway; the good fortune to run into the ones that I do; and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Because I Love You All,
Pastor Gene

DIACONATE SERVING SCHEDULE

Apr. 28 th	Barb Dawson, Paul Gering
May 5 th	Daniel Vithous, Kathy DiFranco
May 12 th	Joe Marchese, Walt Kusen
May 19 th	Kristin Green

DEACONESS FOR APRIL

Kathy DiFranco

DEACONESS FOR MAY

Elaine Ferguson

SHUT-INS

Here is the shut-in list of PCC members and friends. Please visit them, if you can, phone them, or drop them a note or a card. Above all, please **PRAY** for them!

Charlotte Mickovic
Falling Water Health Care Center
18840 Falling Water Room 213-W
Strongsville, Ohio 44136
440-238-1100, Room 213-Window

Ann Tyma
Sunrise of Parma
7766 Broadview Road
Parma, Ohio 44134

Our next Caller will be passed out on **Sunday, May 19th**. Articles are due by **Wednesday, May 15th**.

OUR DAILY BREAD booklet is available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary, and it's **FREE!** If you would like to make a donation in the box, that's fine, but there's no obligation!

BIRTHDAY-ANNIVERSARY OFFERING

Parma Christian Church has had this celebration offering for quite a long time. A dollar per year of your birthday and/or wedding anniversary is a wonderful way of thanking God for all His blessings AND helping your church. But if that's too much \$\$\$ (Everyone is getting older, after all!) just give whatever you can.



Food Pantry Items for April. For the month of April we are collecting miscellaneous items. You can place your items in the barrels in the Sanctuary. Thank You!

Care & Prayer Time

Did you know Parma Christian Church has a Weekly Prayer Time each Wednesday at 7am., Noon and 6:30pm. Please join us each Wednesday for Prayer.



Volunteers are needed to pack the food bags once a month. Food is passed out the **3rd Wednesday** of each month so the bags must be packed before that date. There is a sign up sheet in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions please see Pastor Carey.



Bell Choir Practice – Monday, April 29th, May 6th at 7pm. On Monday, May 13th Bell Practice will begin after the Board Meeting.

Choir Practice – **Wednesday, May 1st, 8th 15th** at 7pm.

Our weekly Bible Study Group will meet on **Monday, April 29th, May 6th** at **8pm**. All are welcome.

Elders Meeting - **Sunday, May 5th** at **7pm**.



St. Pat's Meal Program is **Thursday, May 9th**. If you can help serve at St. Pat's please be at the church by **4:15pm**. If you cannot help serve but can bake a cake (we need 9 cakes) please drop your cake off at church by **1:00pm**.

Upcoming Event: The Annual Post Office Food Drive will take place on **Saturday, May 11th**. We will need volunteers to pick up the food at the Parma Post Office and volunteers to help sort and shelve the food. More details are coming.

Hospitality Ministry Meeting – **Sunday, May 12th** following the Worship Service.

Board Meeting – **Monday, May 13th** at **6:30pm**.

Worship Dept. Meeting – **Sunday, May 19th** at **7pm**.

IN MY OPINION.....

I would just like to express my JOY at being a member of Parma Christian Church.

The older I get, the more I realize how important fellowship with my fellow Christians really is. We really need it. It's "the tie that binds," like the hymn says," our hearts in Christian love."

When we get together we can share our joy, and sometimes sorrow, love, and peace.

It touches your heart, my friends--so please to our fellowship meals and "fun time" services--don't miss out on this joy!

It will fill your heart with love, which we all need.

In Christian love, Elaine C. Ferguson, Deaconess

ELDERS CORNER

Our Time With God

John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Without question, the single most important factor in a person's spiritual life is whether they actually spend time with their Maker!

Whenever I ask individuals about the quality of their time alone with God (or lack thereof), I invariably hear of how beleaguered we all are in finding time to do those things we know are important. If I only had a nickel for every time I've been told (regarding both quiet times & workouts), "But I just don't have the extra time!"...

The fact of the matter, however, is that we all have the same 24 hours and we all know individuals who seem to be able to fit in all of these things that they've determined to do... Here's a little trick I've found to ensure we fit in those things we've been meaning to do... Every time you're tempted to use the excuse that "I don't have the time!", instead, let's be truthful with ourselves and say, out loud... "That's really not a priority". THIS is the truth, and it's often important to simply hear ourselves speak it in order to make that change. We will always find time for things that are truly a priority for us to do.

When we take our Communion each Sunday, we are faced with the sacrifice that Jesus made for us in order to reconcile ourselves to God. How foolish of us when we don't take the time to connect with our Maker and set forth, to Him, our day, our concerns, our loved ones and our daily lives altogether... I do hope and pray, that we all can learn to set our priorities right, and that we can then live our lives according the truly meaningful priorities and thereby fulfill Gods ultimate plan for each of our lives!

Yours in Christ, Daryll Krivanos, Elder

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PAPER DRIVE!! IT PAYS TO RECYCLE!!

Parma Christian Church has a recycle container located in the church parking lot. We are asking you, your family members and friends to save your papers. Items that can be put in the container are: Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, office and school papers, hard and soft bound books and cardboard. The cardboard must be flattened before putting it in the bin. Items **NOT** accepted in the recycle container are Styrofoam, metal, glass, trash, any type of plastic, aluminum. **So start saving your papers today!**

PCC OFFERINGS FOR MARCH 2019

Breakdown for the month of March:

Current Expense	\$ 5,809.72
World Outreach	\$ 91.00
Restricted Funds	\$ 260.00
Reimbursed Expense	\$ 0.00
Bank Interest	\$ 56.44
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$ 6,217.16

Bills paid out for the month of March amounted to \$6,687.97.



LEARN 2 B A CLOWN

MEETING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED
ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH AT NOON



**PUT ON A HAPPY FACE!!! MAKE OR BUY A
BRIGHT COSTUME**

LEARN TO MAKE BALLOON ANIMALS

BRING — LAUGHS — SMILES

AND GOODWILL TO AGES 1 TO 100+

Keeping in Touch

Hi there! Hope this finds you well and happy and resting up from your Easter celebration!

The weather wasn't very good at first, but the sun finally came out, to match the joy we all felt as we remembered Jesus' triumph over death as He came out of the tomb that first Easter morning. After church our family celebrated with a meal at Mt. Alverna, with assorted grandchildren, other family members and friends. It was fun!!!

Holy Week was very busy at PCC, starting on Palm Sunday, as we paraded around the sanctuary waving palms in honor of Jesus our Savior. (This was after our annual Palm Sunday breakfast at Denny's.) Next came Holy Thursday, with our 4th annual Seder Supper and potluck. Some folks may feel that Holy Thursday should be celebrated "in church," but the original Holy Thursday Last Supper was celebrated around a banquet table, so we do the same here. (We also celebrated Jim Sipple's birthday a little early with a wonderful ice cream cake!) Pastor Carey taught us about the traditions of the Passover meal, adding that Jesus gave us himself in the elements of communion at a Seder meal, which we know as "the Last Supper." The next day, Pastor Carey took part in the Community Good Friday service at Divinity Lutheran Church. On Saturday, Marge Carey transformed our sanctuary with white candles and paraments, as well as beautiful Easter plants.

That got us all ready for Easter, when the choir inspired us with a wonderful Easter cantata, entitled "Your Grace Still Amazes Me." The beautiful, fragrant sanctuary was nearly filled with worshippers, including families of members as well as some PCC folks we haven't seen in a while. I counted 3 adorably dressed little girls. It was truly a celebration of life, Jesus' new life in His resurrection!

It's no wonder that the Sunday after Easter used to be called "Low" Sunday, because it's always more ordinary!!! Of course, we celebrated on Saturday with a fundraiser spaghetti dinner, expertly prepared by Vince DiFranco! Hope you had a chance to be there. (As I write this I don't yet know who won the beautiful afghan crocheted by Marge Carey.)

Elaine Hlaves had to miss our Easter service, because she was in Las Vegas with her family to witness the wedding of her granddaughter Sharon McNeeley. Best wishes to the happy couple, but we missed you, Elaine!

Vince and Kathy DiFranco welcomed a visit from Kathy's cousin and her husband, Kim and Rob Dines, who worshipped with us on Easter. I hear that they have been having a lot of fun visiting, and shared Easter dinner with the family.

Two folks we need to keep in prayer are Bob Elardo, who has been transferred to a long-term care facility and was waiting to have a port installed so that he can receive dialysis, and Sandy Stansky's sister, Pat Lucas, who has been on our prayer list for a number of months, and has taken a turn for the worse. Betty Salmon, a dear friend of Donna Marchese, has passed away, so prayers are requested for her family. Please pray also for Marge Carey, who in May will have 5 follow-up radiation treatments after her successful brain tumor removal, which took place last March. Perhaps you saw the "stylish" helmet she gets to wear during the treatments!

So many PCC members and their loved ones are going through difficult physical and emotional problems, so please pray for all of them! My mother, Ida Cmolik, has overcome pneumonia and is still in the rehab section of Mt. Alverna recovering her strength, so she can return to her assisted living apartment. Since she is 95, her recovery is slow but steady.

Spring is such a beautiful season of new life and renewal! The trees are getting their leaves, the grass is growing (Folks who want to take a turn mowing our church lawn can look for the sign-up sheet!) and flowers are blooming everywhere! Hope this season inspires you and fills you with new life! Till next month, take care and God bless!

Mary Anne Woodward

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